

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION AND ANSWER

Re: Krishna-Godavari River Waters

Q.—5. Sri GANJI VEERAPPA (Harihar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) Whether the Union Ministers have discussed the Question of Krishna and Godavari water on the 10th February, 1963 with the representatives of the Mysore Government; and if so, what was their point of view;

(b) what was the point of view put forth by the State Government;

(c) whether any agreement was reached between the Union Representatives and the State Government;

(d) whether they will place a copy of the proceedings and gist of discussions on the Table of the House?

A.—Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—

(a) We had discussions.

(b) The point was the interest of the State.

(c) No agreement. It was to understand each other's point of view the meeting was held.

(d) Not at this stage.

Mr. SPEAKER.—This Short Notice question *re*: Krishna-Godavari river waters is in the name of Sri G. Veerappa who is not here.

Requests are made that I may put it from the Chair and I have not studied it. However, since I find it an important matter, I will put it from the Chair.

Sri G. ANNA RAO.—May I know whether the Gulhati Commission recommendations came up for discussion between the Central Ministers and the State Ministers?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—Not directly, but obliquely.

Sri G. ANNA RAO.—May I know whether the Gulhati Commission recommendations are favourable to the Mysore State and whether they protect the interests of Mysore?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—I cannot say they are wholly favourable. They are considerably favourable.

Sri S. M. KRISHNA.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that any discussion of this river waters dispute will have to be on the basis of the Gulhati Commission Report?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—No, not necessarily. The most important question would be the necessity of each area.

Sri S. M. KRISHNA.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that that report is a vindication of the claims of the people of Mysore?

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA.—In a way. But I do not want the Members to be under an impression that it is wholly in their favour.